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HONGKONG, 31ST MARCH, 1904

IN DR. W. W. PEARSE's plague report for 1903 that section which deals with plague in rats and with the relations of human and rat-plague is specially interesting. Hongkong is a place where considerable attention has been paid to the subject of these relations and all the recent reports have dealt with it. Rat-collecting has been a great feature of the anti-plague campaigns, and there is an organised rat-catching staff in the Colony. A certain amount of light is thrown on the methods of this staff by Dr. PEARSE's report, and it is not very satisfactory to read of them. During the whole of the 1903 epidemic a systematic collection of rats was made throughout Victoria and Kowloon, the rats being afterwards bacteriologically examined at the Public Mortuary. A price of five cents a rat was paid throughout the year, and between '90,000 and 100,000 rats were caught. But Dr. PEARSE says that it is highly probable that a great number of the rats collected by the rat-catchers were imported into the city. Many of the rats "caught" on the Kowloon side, too, were suspected of having been brought across from Victoria, the rat-catching coolies claiming their share of the rats imported into Hongkong for the sake of the bonus of five cents from the Government. Thus it seems that a certain amount of public money was wasted on fraudulent coolies, while the value of the deductions from the rats examined was necessarily lessened by the importations. As the report says, it is not possible to make any definite statement regarding the influence of rat-plague on human plague owing to the probability of this importation.

Nevertheless a certain number of remarks are made by Dr. PEARSE on the subject. Curves were drawn up showing the weekly rise and fall in the percentage of plague-infected rats among those examined in the Public Mortuary and the weekly number of human plague cases. These curves are published with the report in the *Gazette*, and from them it may be seen that both rise to their highest points about the same time. The first notable rise in rat-infection was in the sixth and seventh weeks of the year, and human plague made a sudden rise in the sixth week, though falling again next week. Similarly the ninth and tenth weeks were marked by a rise in rat-infection and the ninth to eleventh weeks by a rise in human plague; and the twelfth and thirteenth weeks were marked by a rise in rat-infection, and the twelfth, thirteenth, and still more fourteenth weeks by a rise in human plague. Then a drop in rat-infection in the fourteenth and fifteenth week is accompanied by a drop in human plague in the latter week. The figures do not continue to correspond so closely after this, the human curve reaching its maximum with a rapid jump in the twenty-first week, while the rat-infection curve is not at its highest until the twenty-fourth week; and the human curve drops far more rapidly toward the end of the epidemic. Commenting on the behaviours of the curves, Dr. PEARSE says that the epidemic of plague among rats evidently follows very much the same curve as does the human epidemic, but it seems to begin earlier and to endure longer, as though there were some factor or factors in the shaping of the epidemic which affected the rats earlier, and of which the influence passed off later from rats than in the case of human beings.

The relation between infected rats found in buildings and human cases of plague in the same buildings could not be very closely studied. The majority of rats collected were reported as found in the streets. The tenant of a shop has no mind, as the report says, to allow the authorities to discover rats in his shop if he can avoid it. Of the total of 2,379 plague-infected rats caught in the City of Victoria from January to June, 1903, only 48-166 per cent. were returned as found in infected houses, and of these only 27 were brought in by the rat-catching coolies. In a table of houses in which rat and human plague were both known to occur, only five cases show synchronous rat and human plague, the rats being found during the cleansing operations following the report of the human plague in each house. Dr. PEARSE rightly remarks that "these figures are interesting, but it is disappointing that they are so small," and that, were the people willing to allow all rats caught in their houses to be returned as such, more light would be thrown on the relationship of the rat to human plague. But unfortunately the people will not put themselves to inconvenience for the public good, and this attitude, coupled with the more than suspected dishonesty of the coolies employed in rat-catching, deprives the investigators of a sufficient amount of evidence to establish any definite statement. We presume that there is no way of checking the coolies, or else it would be tried. It is most unsatisfactory that they should be in a position to cheat the Government and rob the public money.

The English mail of the 27th February was delivered in London on the 26th inst.

It is just 30 years ago to-day since the coolie trade at Macao was abolished.

The Norwegian *Frithjof*, which arrived from the North yesterday, reports "Fine and rain," while the French ss. *Bourbon*, from Saigon, reports "Fine and misty." Rather a paradox!

The Hon. Treasurer of the Alice Memorial and Nethersol Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donation to the funds of the Hospitals:—C. Wilcockson \$5.

In the Council Chambers yesterday afternoon Mr. T. Sercombe Smith was sworn in as Justice Judge to act during the absence of Mr. Justice Wise, who left for home yesterday. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz will act as Senior Magistrate and Mr. J. H. Kemp as Junior.

There has just been erected in the corridor of the Hongkong Hotel, opposite the lift, a handsome oak case with glass door, intended for the purpose of a letter rack, business and shipping directory for the Hotel. We understand that similar cases will be erected in the principal hotels of Hongkong, Canton, Kowloon, and Macao.

It is reported that the Korean Court has granted a concession for the working of a gold mine at Shioji to France, and a similar concession for another mine to Germany. The report requires confirmation. There is nothing known that the Japanese authorities have raised any objection to mining concessions being made by Korea to foreign countries.

TELEGRAMS.

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE WAR—GEN. KUROPATKIN MOVES SOUTH.

LONDON, 23rd March.
General Kuropatkin has proceeded to Liangyang.

AFFAIRS AT NEWCHWANG.

LONDON, 28th March.
The Russians have proclaimed martial law at Newchwang.

Earl Percy in the House of Commons said that the British Consul at Newchwang had urged the retention of a British warship at that port, but Admiral Sir Gerald Noel concurred with Admiral Sir Cyprian Bridge in considering it inadvisable.

BUSTLE AT BLAKE PIER.

Yesterday forenoon Blake Pier was the scene of great bustle, on account of the large number of departures for England and Canada by the German mail *Prussia* and the *Empress of China*. As will be seen from the passenger lists appearing elsewhere, the number of those departing from Hongkong was abnormal for one day. These included more than a few Government servants with their wives and several well-known ladies and gentlemen in the Colony. Both steamers were followed out of the Harbour by launches blowing their steam-whistles and firing off crackers in time-honoured fashion to speed the parting friend.

PRESENTATION AT THE SANITARY BOARD.

FAREWELL TO MESSRS. WOODCOCK AND BRYAN. Messrs. G. A. Woodcock (Secretary of the Sanitary Board) and J. J. Bryan (Sanitary Surveyor) received presentations at the Sanitary Board Room yesterday morning, the occasion of their departure for England on well-earned leave. Mr. Bryan being invalided home. The presentation to Mr. Woodcock was a handsome dragon-design Chinese silver bowl, on a black-wood stand; the following inscription being engraved on the bowl:—"Presented to G. A. Woodcock, Esq., as a mark of esteem." Mr. Bryan received a Chinese silver fruit-dish of dragon design, on a blackwood stand. The inscription read, "Presented to J. J. Bryan, Esq., by officers of the Sanitary Department." Quite a number of Sanitary Board officers had gathered together to give them a send off.

The Hon. Dr. Atkinson, who presided addressing Messrs. Woodcock and Bryan, said he had been asked by the members of the Sanitary Board to present the vessels as a small token of regard and esteem. They could not let them go without giving them some token in remembrance for the kindness they had always rendered to them in the work. They joined in wishing them a pleasant voyage. Mr. Bryan had suffered an injury to his knee while performing his duty, and they hoped he would enjoy rest in England which would restore him to perfect health, and enable him to rejoin them. On behalf of the members of the Sanitary Board he wished them bon voyage.

Mr. Woodcock thanked those who made the presentation very much for the kind present. It was very good of them to give him that nice token; they had got on well together. During the past year excellent work had been done by the Sanitary Department, and he wished it would improve year by year till plague was stamped out; he wished that all those who had gone in for the examination would come through with flying colours; he wished that the Civil Service Club might win the Cricket Shield next year; and he had one other wish—he wished them all a very good byé.

Mr. J. J. Bryan said that in his present condition it was rather difficult to make a speech. He thanked them very much indeed.

Much handshaking terminated the proceedings.

KOWLOON BOWLING GREEN CLUB.

The result of the first round in the Nels Bowls competition was as follows:—

"A" COMPETITION.—G. R. Edwards beat J. W. Robertson, Jas. Ramsay beat J. Macdonald, W. Deas beat D. Gow, J. Galt beat J. Henderson, J. R. Wilson beat A. Milroy, J. Parkes beat A. Kinross, J. Kyles beat J. Walker.

"B" COMPETITION.—J. Ramsay beat J. Walker, C. W. Alexander beat G. R. Edwards, J. Kyles beat A. Milroy, W. Deas beat J. Parkes, J. Henderson beat W. Ramsay, D. Gow beat J. Macdonald, J. Galt beat J. W. Robertson.

The drawings for the second and third rounds are:—

"A" COMPETITION (2nd Round).—W. Deas v. W. Ramsay.

3rd Round.—J. Galt v. J. R. Wilson, E. W. Alexander or J. Wilkie v. J. Kyles, W. Deas or W. Ramsay v. G. R. Edwards, and J. Parkes v. J. Ramsay.

"B" COMPETITION (2nd Round).—C. W. Alexander v. J. R. Wilson.

3rd Round.—J. Henderson v. J. Wilkie or A. Kinross, D. Gow v. J. Ramsay, C. W. Alexander or J. R. Wilson v. W. Deas, and J. Galt v. J. Kyles.

The second and third rounds to be played off by the end of April.

WAR NOTES.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL NEWS. The Japanese Consul yesterday afternoon sent us a copy of the following official telegram received by him in the morning of the same day:

"Tokyo, 29th March, 3.35 p.m.

"Admiral Togo reports that the second attempt to block the entrance of Port Arthur was made at 3.30 a.m. on the 27th inst., when four vessels, escorted by a flotilla of torpedo-destroyers and boats, succeeded in approaching to within two miles of the entrance of the harbour before being discovered by the enemy. At the time searchlights were swooping the water, and as soon as our presence became known a heavy fire was directed upon us by the forts on both banks and by the guardships. In spite of this the vessels succeeded in getting into the inner roadstead, where the *Chiyo-maru* dropped anchor about half a cable's length from the beach on the west of Golden Hill, and was successfully sunk by her crew. The *Fukui-maru* was steered to the left of this vessel and when about to drop anchor was struck by a fish-torpedo from the enemy and sunk. The *Tahiko-maru* anchored on the left of the *Fukui-maru*, and was sunk by her crew, while the *Yoneyama*, which had crept up between the *Chiyo-maru* and *Fukui-maru*, after coming into collision with the stern of a Russian destroyer, came to anchor in the middle of the roadstead, where she was struck by a fish-torpedo from the enemy, which caused her to heel over and drift on to the left bank.

"Admiral Togo regrets that this desperate

attempt to block the entrance of Port Arthur was not entirely successful, inasmuch as a navigable channel exists between the hulls of the *Tahiko-maru* and the *Yoneyama-maru*. He further reports the following casualties on the four vessels:—Killed:—Lieutenant-Commander Takio Hirose, one midshipman, and six of the crew. Wounded (seriously):—Sub-lieutenant Shimada; (slightly), Lieutenant Masaki, Chief Engineer Karita, and six of the crew. The crews of the destroyers and torpedo-boats:

"Two torpedo-boats, the *Atakanai Teubane*, which within a mile of the entrance of the port met a Russian destroyer. A heavy fire was kept up on both sides, the enemy's vessel sustaining serious damage to her engines, clouds of steam being seen to rise up from her as she steered away." It is reported that while our torpedo-boats were returning from their mission, what appeared to be a Russian warship was observed lying close under Golden Hill, having apparently sustained serious damage in one of the fleet engagements.

"A heavy fire, directed upon our destroyers and torpedo-boats until daylight, but no damage was caused."

A LAND FIGHT.

"Mr. Nema has also communicated to us the following intelligence of a despatch received from the Minister of Foreign Affairs:—

"Tokyo, 30th March, 10.30 a.m.

"It is officially reported that on the 28th inst. a detachment of Japanese cavalry and infantry encountered the enemy outside the south gate of Chongfu. An engagement took place, the Russians being driven from the city. The enemy, numbering about 300, retired to Wiju.

"Casualties:—Japanese: Lieutenant K. Ito, four men killed, Capt. Kurokawa and eleven men wounded; no losses were sustained by the infantry. Two of the enemy were found dead on the field, and subsequently seven or eight of their slain were discovered in the fortifications. Their dead were carefully removed on horses and ambulances during the progress of the fight, and in spite of the Japanese fire they were observed carrying away two Russians, apparently officers. Bloodstained bandages were found scattered on the ground, and by these it is surmised that the Russian casualties were, at least, equal to those of the Japanese."

"The Japanese entered into possession of the city."

RUSSIA AND NEWCHWANG.

A telegram has been received by the Hongkong Government, from His Britannic Majesty's Consul at Newchwang. It reads as follows:—"Russian military authorities will allow vessels to enter the port at daytime only, between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Vessels must stop at the buoy five-and-a-half miles below the fort for examination."

THE "MANDJOU" CASE AGAIN.

A Peking despatch quoted by the *N.C. Daily Times* states that the Japanese Minister, Mr. Uchida, has informed the Waiwanpu that his Government is not satisfied at the way the dismantling of the *Mandjou* in Shanghai has been conducted, in other words, it is complained that only the breech-blocks of the big guns and the ammunition have been so far taken out of the vessel, while other most important parts of the machinery, etc., on board have not been touched. Under the circumstances therefore the Japanese Government do not consider that the *Mandjou* has been actually made harmless.

This, no doubt, is the reason why the Japanese cruiser *Akitsushima* still remains at Shanghai.

DISCREPANCY OF NEWS.

Is it not a pity, asks the *Japan Daily Mail*, that Mr. Plançon neglects the precaution of consulting with the Viceroy and the Admiral before manufacturing his stories? Some semblance of similarity would so greatly increase their probability. Alexieff tells of the sinking of the *Stereguschi* and the drowning or capture of all her crew; Plançon returns her as merely injured; the Admiral says that he went out in the *Norsk* accompanied by the *Bayan*; Plançon carefully omits the *Bayan*; the Viceroy says that the bombardment lasted till 1.15 p.m.,

The correspondent also reported that General Linievitch and Kondratowitch (Kondratowitch) were at Liangyang. The 11th East Siberian Regiment left Newchwang on the 16th February and arrived at Tashib-obia on the 17th. When the 10th Regiment is near Kinchow, the 9th at Huicheng, and the 12th at Liangyang a simultaneous parallel march towards the Yalu was contemplated.

Though Major-General Pfug was advancing troops from Moukden to the Yalu and strengthening the centre, he was also preparing to defend the railway and the north Gulf coast

in force. The Russian military authorities, who were thoroughly aware of their unpreparedness, were hurrying up reinforcements. Incredible numbers of artillery were reported to be en route from Russia. Some of the military, adds the correspondent, state unhesitatingly that throughout Manchuria and at Vladivostock there were not over 125,000 troops when war broke out, and assert that Japan's opportunity for a successful attack was the autumn.

The *Novoye Vremya*, in an article on the situation, says it will be a long time before military operations on a large scale can be undertaken, on account of the extreme difficulty and enforced delay in concentrating troops, stores, and munitions of war in the immense area within which the army has not only to guard against all attack but also to fight against a rigorous climate.

The President of the French Red Cross Society last month offered to immediately dispatch assistance to Manchuria. By order of the Imperial Russian Government the Ambassador in Paris informed M. de Vogue that the Russian military authorities had received his proposal with gratitude, but that warlike operations on land had not begun and were not likely to begin for several weeks, and that measures for the organisation of Red Cross assistance could not be taken until such operations commenced. This reply was regarded as a further indication of the determination of the Russians to complete the concentration of their troops before initiating military operations.

Vice-Admiral Makarov will direct the operations of all the Russian naval forces in the Far East, assisted by Rear-Admirals Jessen and Mollas. General Kuropatkin will command all the operations of the land forces. Admiral Alexio will retain the chief command in his quality of Viceroy, but his authority over Admiral Makarov and General Kuropatkin will be purely nominal.

A RUSSIAN VIEW OF POLAR FERLING IN JAPAN.

The following was received in S. Petersburg last month, from a semi-official source at Port Arthur:—The natives in Manchuria are freely selling horses and provisions to the troops. According to news received from Japan, there is no evidence of strong patriotic feeling among the population. The war is apparently the result of the agitation conducted by the Chauvinist party, and of British machinations, and is unpopular with the greater part of the Japanese population, who have to bear all the financial burden of the war. The report that bands of Chinese have cut telegraph and telephone wires in the neighbourhood of Yinkow, and that communication by land has been interrupted with Dainy, is not true. The news has been circulated in order to arouse patriotism among the Japanese in the place of the indifference which has hitherto prevailed. It is undoubtedly the case that the Japanese Government has been forced by the war party to take a step without due reflection.

EFFECTS ON THE RUSSIAN MONEY MARKET.

In an article on the effects of the war on the money market, the *Industrial World* says:—

It is beyond dispute that events in the Far East are bound to exercise a deplorable influence on the market. Even now the banks are restricting their business and raising their rates of discount and interest, and it is to be anticipated that these rates will be raised yet higher to a pitch which will strike a disastrous blow at commercial and industrial undertakings, while the latter will also have to suffer from the war in other ways. As it would be illusory to rely on foreign money, it is indispensable that the management of the banks, and especially of the State Bank, take steps to relieve the coming crisis. We may observe that, were the Imperial Bank more independent of the Ministry of Finance, it would be easy for it, considering the great reserve of gold we possess, to put into circulation bank-notes to the amount of one or two hundred millions without in any way jeopardising the stability of our currency. But as a bad interpretation might be placed on such a measure, far as our credit is concerned, it would be indispensable to make them short-term bank-notes (of six to nine months), to be employed for guaranteeing purely commercial bills of exchange. Being thus endowed with the character of sight bills, they would return to the Treasury at a fixed date. In this way, it seems to us that it would be easy to tide over this difficult period without too much loss, and, above all, without shaking the stability of the existing correspondence between our fiduciary currency and our metallic funds.

A FRENCH VIEW OF JAPANESE SOLDIERS.

The French military organ, *Armée et Marine*, thus describes the Japanese soldier:—In general a good shot, the Japanese is a first-rate marcher. Those who draw the kuruma often manage to 80 kilometres a day and get up next morning quite ready for more work. There is the stuff in them to make good soldiers, for, as Napoleon said, it is with good feet that battles are won. As to their shoes, *la guerre comme à la guerre*. During the first campaign in China the Japanese soldiers did not hesitate to put on their ordinary footgear when their military shoes were worn out or hurt their feet. Sandals are light, cost very little, and last four days in dry weather. The Japanese, whose enthusiasm is easily excited, is capable at any moment of an astonishing amount of energy. Stimulated by an ardent patriotism, a fanatical pride, he is capable of a prolonged effort without getting discouraged. In his profound contempt for death, prompted by Oriental fatalism, he takes into consideration, the power of an army of such men will be understood.

MR. SERCOMBE SMITH AND THE POLICE INSPECTORS.

EFFICACY OF THE STOCKS.

Yesterday Mr. T. Sercombe Smith made his last appearance as Senior Magistrate at the Police Court before taking up the duties of Justice of the Peace during the absence of Mr. Justice Wise on leave. Before severing his connection with the Magistracy his Worship acceded to the request of the Inspectors of Police that he should allow them to address him. The ceremony took place in the Large Court. Mr. Sercombe Smith was accompanied by Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, his successor in the office of Senior Magistrate. There were present Chief Detective-Inspector J. W. Hanson, Chief Inspector H. G. Baker, Inspectors D. McDonald, W. L. Ford, D. D. Cathcart, P. McNab, W. G. Warneck, J. Gauld, A. Collett, W. Withers, D. Gourlay, J. Kerr, and A. C. Langley.

Mr. J. W. Hanson, addressing Mr. Sercombe Smith, said the Inspectors of the Police Force had decided that, when his Worship was leaving that Court, they should not allow the opportunity to pass without saying a few words to him, and they had gathered there now for that purpose. They would congratulate him first of all on his advancement, and then they wished to thank him for the help and advice that he had afforded to them in the past. When they had had to come before him with cases they had found and they were unanimously agreed that he had been a help to them in pointing out points of law with which they were not familiar, and in helping them through with their cases. It had been said that "A policeman's life was not a happy one," and he would take that opportunity of remarking that there was after all a certain amount of satisfaction, if they could not call it happiness, in enjoying the confidence of their superiors and of the public. They wished to be freed by the criminal and respected by the law-abiding people of this Colony. When they had brought their cases into Court they had been honestly trying to do their duty, and therefore all the help he had afforded them had been a help to their Department, and to them individually and severally; and they wished now to thank him on that last occasion on which he was on the Bench for all the help and the advice he had afforded them (Applause).

Mr. Sercombe Smith in reply said he was exceedingly obliged to the Inspectors for the kind way in which Mr. Hanson had addressed him on that occasion. He knew he was only going to act for a short time, perhaps for a year, but he could not be in two places at the same time, and though it was with some feelings of regret that he left that place it was also with certain feelings of gratification that he took up the higher post. Mr. Hanson had adverted to the help and advice which they were pleased to say he had from time to time given to them. Well, he hoped no man in the Force who came to him would ever find him remiss in giving help or advice. Any advice he had been able to give to them had been given with the greatest pleasure because he knew that their training had not been such as to make them in all cases entirely conversant with every point of law. Of course, he did not profess himself to be so conversant with the law as to be able to decide every point that arose. But wherever he had found that a case had been wrongly laid or that some advice was desirable on the procedure of the Court he had never failed to point out any slips that had been made or the alterations that were necessary in procedure. And when he gave help and advice of that kind of course it helped him immensely also, because it prepared the most part merely consisted of running off the preliminary heats. The long jump, high jump, and two competitions of putting the weight, however, were worked off. One of the competitions of putting the weight was for the Royal Garrison Artillery, the other for the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of Royal Artillery. Muddat Kahn, a native of India belonging to the H.K.S.B.R.A., threw the shot 33 feet, or 2ft. 2in. farther than Hughes, the winner of the R.G.A. contest. Results up to date are as follows:—

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To-day the sports commencement at 10 a.m. The band of the Sherwood Foresters will play in the afternoon. There will be an interval from 12.30 to 2 p.m. for midday meal. There will be a few o'clock to amuse the children. In the event where officers of the Royal Navy enter their handicraft will be one yard, for every year of their age above 28. A trumpeter will sound the Assembly for each, event at the starting post. In the tug-of-war events no sitting or lying down will be allowed, no holes dug in the ground, and no nails or bars in competitors' boots. Some of these events are open to European regiments and British warships. If the same team pulls twice in a day the team must consist of the same men. The meeting is being held under A. A. A. rules.

SHIPPING NOTES.

Reports by yesterday's arrivals were much-of-a-muchness as those received on the 29th. The *Madeline Rickmers*, with 2,100 tons of Bangkok rice for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, reports fine weather. The *Hoching*, from Kwangchowan, reports fine. The German *China*, from Saigon with 1,900 tons of rice and 100 tons of cotton for the East Asiatic Trading Co., also had a fine passage. The *Fuansang* has left for Saigon in ballast, the *Kwong Song* for Sutow with 250 tons of cargo, the *Loong Song* for Manila with 400 tons, and the *Sui Sung* for Calcutta with 2,300 tons.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday gave the following report:—

On the 30th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has risen slightly in China and the Philippines and fallen in the Looches and in N. Japan.

Pressure is highest in the Yangtze valley and relatively low in the Pacific, east of the Looches.

Gradients are moderate on the China Coast and over the China Sea.

Fresh monsoon may be expected over the whole of this sea.

Forecast:—Fresh NE. winds; cloudy, fair.

high honour to meet them spontaneously in this manner. All he could say was that he hoped his successors with their assistance would be able to keep down crime, and he was sure that if the police wanted any help Mr. Gompertz and Mr. Kemp would be only too glad to render it to them. Before he went he might say that he had that morning written to the Captain Superintendent of Police asking him to convey to all sections of the Force his appreciation of the services they had done to him as a Magistrate. (Applause.)

The proceedings then ended.

THE SENIOR MAGISTRATE AND THE SANITARY STAFF.

On the conclusion of business in the Senior Magistrate's Court yesterday morning, Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, addressing Senior Inspector Lambie, representing the Sanitary Department, said:—Mr. Lambie, it gives me great pleasure on leaving this Court to express my high appreciation of the discretion, tact, and ability shown by the members of the Sanitary Staff who have had to transact business here, and I would be glad if you would so inform them. I regret that I am unable to thank them collectively for the great help they have given me in dealing with the new Ordinance.

R.G.A. REGIMENTAL SPORTS.

THE OPENING DAY.

Yesterday, the opening day of the Royal Garrison Artillery Regimental Sports, was not favoured with very fine weather, but if to-day, "the big day," is bright no one will mind. The Sports are being held on the Hongkong Football Club ground, where some half-a-dozen tents are scattered about the field. The various tracks are marked out with good stout poles and hemp rope, a flag here and there bringing the course out at a glance. The stand, in front of which is the finishing post, blackboard, etc., is gaily decorated with bunting. Included in to-day's events are tilting the bucket, which, of course, will cause considerable amusement; an obstacle race, in which the competitors will have to climb over bars, under canvas, and through barrels; a hurdle race, tug-of-war, team race, wheel race, trumpeters' race, sack fight, four-legged race (teams of three men), band race, *Balalaika mélée* (in pairs, one man on another's back), boy-and-girl race, and many other interesting events. The sports are being conducted under the presidency of Capt. Nugent, R.G.A.; committee, Capt. Jones, R.G.A., Lieut. Miles, R.G.A., Lieut. Dowding, R.G.A., Lieut. Milman, R.G.A., and Lieut. Lumisden, R.G.A.; sub-committee, Sergt. Boltomley, Sergt. Fielder, Sergt. Ridley, and Sergt.-Major Mills. Yesterday's work for the most part merely consisted of running off the preliminary heats. The long jump, high jump, and two competitions of putting the weight, however, were worked off. One of the competitions of putting the weight was for the Royal Garrison Artillery, the other for the Hongkong and Singapore Battalion of Royal Artillery. Muddat Kahn, a native of India belonging to the H.K.S.B.R.A., threw the shot 33 feet, or 2ft. 2in. farther than Hughes, the winner of the R.G.A. contest. Results up to date are as follows:—

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THE REAL TSAR.

An anonymous writer in the March *Fortnightly* gives a depressing character-sketch of Nicholas II. His estimate is as follows:—The Tsar Nicholas II. is physically weak; his nerves are shattered; his will feeble. He is amiable where iron-handedness is essential. He is dependent when a strong individuality is required. He is constantly in subjection first to one influence and then to another. He is more than usually amenable to women's control; and the fair sex has on more than one occasion exercised powerful, if not calamitous, influence upon his life.

Naturally, the history of the Imperial house is suggested as one of the causes which have operated in the formation of the present ruler's characteristics. The details are too well known to be referred to here, and in spite of them, as it were, the writer asserts that the Emperor Nicholas "is as right-thinking, benevolent, and alement as a ruler as though he did not bear upon his shoulders accumulated memories of bloodshed, malignity, and strife." The record, however, goes to explain a constitutional melancholy to which he is subject, and furthermore, as though to emphasise his gloomy retrospect, and to continue it in his own lifetime, the disaster, on the Khodynka plain during his coronation, festivities is recalled.

A bright view of the monarch is presented in the following story of his meeting with the Kaiser in the Baltic.—The Kaiser semaphored an offusive message to the Tsar from the upper bridge of his magnificent yacht the *Hohenzollern*. It was couched in the following terms:—"The Admiral of the Atlantic salutes the Admiral of the Pacific." The Tsar was placed in a difficult position. If he accepted the implication the British Foreign Office might have something to say. If, on the other hand, the signal remained unanswered, courtesy to the Kaiser was the result. I am informed that the Tsar's reply was his own idea. He simply signalled—"Farewell." The laconic reply to the German Emperor went round the fleets of the world, and the "Admiral of the Atlantic" will not forget the quiet snub administered to him one grey afternoon in the shallow waters of the Baltic Sea."

The Tsar dreads war, and the writer of the article attributes this feeling to his mother. The sentiment has not tended to increase his popularity, and ever since the attempt upon his life by a Japanese fanatic at Otsu in 1891—and the ungrateful treatment by the Crown Prince of Greece, "Nickie ran"—there has been a doubt of his personal courage, which the writer suggests is cruelly unjust. He takes no delight in outdoor sports except in cycling, and his "amusements," which are few, include photography and the occasional production of melancholy verse, but he is a hard worker in affairs of State.

The article gives the following painful description of the young ruler's general surroundings:—"The atmosphere of suspicion and gloom produced by the constant sense of impalpable danger overshadows the spirits of everyone at the Russian Court." The Tsar never knows who are his friends and who his enemies. An abiding sense of distrust is the result, and hence the passionate affection that his Majesty feels for his wife, whose faithful counsel and patient sympathy are the bright spots in one of the saddest lives in Europe."

There is considerable pathos in the terse summing-up by the author of the article:—"The Tsar is a kindly, saddened, overworked, and unhappy man."

Another writer says:—Apart from his wife and mother, who are said to be the only members of his family in whom the Tsar can place implicit trust, his only other bosom friend is Prince Uchitsky, the proprietor and editor of the *Vladimir*, which is the organ looked to throughout the whole Empire as the real exponent of opinion in Court circles. The Prince accompanied the Tsar when still Tsaritch, on his tour in the Far East, and afterwards wrote a most high-falutin' book about it. An unspiring critic of England, he is also a Teutophobe of the first water, and ascribed all the present trouble to the Chinese policy of Germany. He has accustomed the Tsar to regard India as the ultimate heritage of the Slav race. "The wings of the Russian eagle," he exclaims in his latest book, "are spread too widely over the East to leave the slightest doubt of a future in which Asiatic Russia will mean all Asia. He also taught the Tsar to believe that this result could be achieved by diplomacy—of the Russian kind—without resort to arms.

POLICE COURT.

Wednesday, 30th March.

BEFORE MR. T. SERCOMBE SMITH (POLICE MAGISTRATE).

EXCESS PASSENGERS.

Inspector Kerr prosecuted the masters of three West River passenger-boats for carrying a number of passengers in excess of those permitted by their licences. Two of the men were found carrying over two hundred and one over one hundred passengers in excess, they being only licensed to carry thirty-eight people over and above the crew. None of the men had any defence to make, and His Worship fined them each \$250.

THEFT OF CIGARETTES.

Liu Shing, boatman in charge of cargo-boat No. 33, was charged with stealing nine boxes of cigarettes which had been intrusted to him to take to a ship in the harbour, but which he did not do. He was sentenced to a fine of \$100 or 3 months imprisonment.

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"LIGHTNING." Captain J. G. Spence will be despatched for the above ports on WEDNESDAY, the 6th April, at 3 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DAVID SASSOUN & CO., LTD. Agents. Hongkong, 31st March, 1904. [885]

ENTERTAINMENT

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On behalf of the ORPHANS AND INVALIDS of the ITALIAN CONVENT.

TO be held in the Compound of the ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL on SUN-DAY EVENING, the 10th APRIL, 1904, from 9 to 11 P.M.

The Superior while thanking the benevolent Friends and Benefactors of the Institution, for the many proofs she has had of their generosity, hopes to receive and merit a large share of Public Patronage.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904. [884]

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135 479 766 1211 1521
143 533* 779 1244 1528
172 603 866 1247 1606
173 619 868 1247 1621
195 653 893 1249 1645
245 696 1077 1368 1813
278 697 1162 1389 1852
330 699 1163 1391 1858
362 702 1377 1417 1872
370 723 1191 1437 191*

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By Order, G. A. WOODCOCK, Secretary.

Sanitary Board Office. Hongkong, 28th March, 1904. [905]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 P.M., To-day, the 30th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 6th April, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on Wednesday, the 6th April, at 9.30 A.M.

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Hongkong, 30th March, 1904. [5]

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 29, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY (THURSDAY), the 31st MARCH, 1904, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1903.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st MARCH, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board.

M. A. A. SOUZA, Secretary. Hongkong, 14th March, 1904. [742]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the OFFICE of the General Managers, No. 14, Des Voeux Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 6th APRIL, at 11.30 A.M. for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1903, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 2nd April, at 1 P.M. until WEDNESDAY, 6th April.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 19th March, 1904. [791]

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED will be held at No. 5, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on the 9th day of April, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon when the abovementioned resolutions will be proposed.

That the Articles of Association be altered in manner following:

(a) In Article 81 the words "Five hundred dollars" shall be substituted for the words "One hundred and fifty dollars."

(b) In Article 102 the words "An Auditor" shall be substituted for the words "Two Auditors."

(c) In Article 103 the word "Auditor" shall be substituted for the word "Auditors."

Should these resolutions be passed by the required majority they will be submitted for confirmation as special resolutions to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which shall be subsequently convened.

Dated the 28th March, 1904.

A. SHELTON HOOVER, Secretary to

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED, General Agents for THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Association will be held at the HEAD OFFICE, No. 26, The Bund, Shanghai, on THURSDAY, the 21st APRIL, 1904, at 4.30 o'clock P.M. precisely, for presentation of the Report of the Directors and the Accounts to the 31st December, 1903, the election of Directors and Auditor for the current year, and for the purpose of transacting any other business which may be transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Association will be CLOSED from the 11th of APRIL, to the 21st of APRIL, 1904, both days inclusive.

Members holding proxies for absent Shareholders must deposit same with the Secretary for Registration at least Forty Eight hours before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

W. S. JACKSON, Secretary.

Shanghai, 25th March, 1904. [804]

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that, on and after this date, they can obtain Scrip Certificates for Shares of the new issue in exchange for Hongkong and Shanghai Bank receipts on application at the Registered Offices of the Company, Nos. 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.

Hongkong, 13th February, 1904. [515]

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HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTH DRAWING of SIXTY-FIVE DEBENTURES of the Hongkong Club, \$100 each, was held in the Hongkong Club House, on Saturday, the 19th inst., when the following Debentures were drawn for redemption:

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143 533* 779 1244 1528
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278 697 1162 1389 1852
330 699 1163 1391 1858
362 702 1377 1417 1872
370 723 1191 1437 191*

and will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on the 31st day of March, 1904, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1904. [79]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRA-LASIA AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the notice of 21st

December last, the senders of Telegrams

are hereby advised that from the 1st of APRIL next, the charges for Telegrams will be collected at the rate of FORTY-FIVE CENTS to equal One Franc.

J. M. BECK, Superintendent.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1904. [824]

and will be PAYABLE at the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION on the 31st day of March, 1904, in exchange for surrender of same.

By Order,

C. H. GRACE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 21st March, 1904. [79]

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CHESS NOTES.

BY X. Y. Z.

It being difficult to arrange many matches during the local Chess season, the programme has to be varied a little, and this year it was decided to have a couple of exhibitions of simultaneous play on successive Wednesdays, one by Mr. P. W. Sergeant and another by the Hon. H. E. Pollock, K.C. The former came off yesterday afternoon; the single player should have been opposed by eight opponents, but only four put in an appearance. Play commenced at 5.30 and terminated at 6.35, when the score was 2 for and one against Mr. Sergeant, one game being drawn. Mr. J. H. Kemp was the winner. Next Wednesday Mr. H. E. Pollock will take on a team of Club players under similar conditions.

The Monte Carlo tournament finished last month, when Maroczy, the Hungarian player, gained a narrow victory by half a point. Maroczy and the American Marshall were level with a score of 6½ each at the finish of the ninth round. In the tenth and last round they were paired, and Marshall had a clear draw by perpetual check, but ignored this and lost his game, with the result that he dropped back to third place, Schlechter being second. Had Marshall drawn, as he should have done, he would have tied with Maroczy and Schlechter for first place. The final order was:—Maroczy, 7½; Schlechter, 7; Marshall, 6½; Gunsberg, 4½; Marco, 3; Swiderski, 2. It is noteworthy that the English representative, Gunsberg, did not win a game in the first half nor lose a game in the second half of the tournament. Altogether he played 6 draws in 10 games. In the whole contest 14 draws were played in 30 games—^a very high proportion.

Owing to the inability of the cable companies to undertake the cabling of the games, there will be no chess match this year between England and America. This is, no doubt, one result of the Russo-Japanese war.

The Brighton tournament last month resulted in a victory for Mr. R. P. Michell, champion and president of the West London Chess Club. The entries included Mr. Lee, the professional player, and a number of well-known amateurs.

SCIENTIFIC MISCELLANY.

THE NEW PHYSICS—WATER IN THE GROUND—A PERPETUAL ELECTRIC GENERATOR—SPEAKING MOVING PICTURES A RADON INDICATOR—INTENSITY OF SUNLIGHT—THE BRAIN UNDER ELECTRICITY—WHERE THE AIR IS HYDROGEN.

Condensed into a few words these are the "Modern Views of Matter," as expounded by Sir Oliver Lodge. Electricity is a substance, the only kind of substance, and all matter is merely an accumulation of electric charges. It appears probable that these electric charges are all of exactly the same amount, although some are positive and some negative, and that the atoms of the chemical elements are formed by varying numbers and arrangements of these charges, or electrons. There are about 700 electrons, 350 positive and 350 negative, in the hydrogen atom, which has been so long regarded as the final and indivisible unit of matter; there must be about sixteen times as many in an oxygen atom, and about 255 times as many, say, in a radium atom, the heaviest known.

The land surface of the globe covers 52,000,000 square miles, and the water surface 144,700,000. Taking the average pore-space of the surface rocks occupied by moisture at 10 per cent. S. Slichter, of the U.S. Geological Survey, estimates the amount of ground water—which reaches a depth of six miles—at 565,000 million cubic yards. This is thought to be about one-third the amount of oceanic water, and would cover the globe to a depth of 3,000 or 3,500 feet.

Radium constantly generates heat, and Wien has now shown that it may constantly generate electricity. It gives off both positive and negative electrons, and the former—several hundred times as large as the latter—may be held back by a sieve of glass or any other of a variety of substances.

Galtor affirms that heredity is one-half derived from parents, one-fourth from grandparents, one-eighth from great-grandparents. An apparently simple idea upon which recent inventors have toiled is that of moving pictures that can speak. The words and other sounds are easily recorded by the phonograph, and moving objects are pictured by the cinematograph, but it has seemed well-nigh impossible to make the two kinds of apparatus perform their work in exactly the same time. It is claimed that the difficulty is at last overcome by the "chronophone" of Gaumont and Deauze, two French inventors. The cinematograph needs considerable power, while the phonograph requires uniform speed, but perfect synchronism has been secured by operating the moving picture machine by a motor receiving electric current through the phonograph shaft and automatically regulated by the turns of the latter. Edison's early dream of mechanical reproductions of operas and plays seems destined to be realized.

MATURITY: HOW TO STAVE OFF OLD AGE.

WHEN the human frame is fully developed, and the functions of waste and repair are equally balanced, we call the period maturity. During youth and early manhood, growth exceeds the waste; in old age waste exceeds the growth; maturity, then, is the period between these two stages. With some persons that period lasts much longer than with others. One appears a young man at fifty, possessing all his faculties in prime condition, and in the enjoyment of full health; while another will be an old man at forty-five, hard of hearing, dim of eye, with shaky hand, and well on the road to decrepitude.

Why is this? A great deal is due to the food and drink one takes, and a good nourishing beverage will help to maintain a person in the full bloom of health at maturity, and assist in staving off old age. Such a beverage is Van Hout's Coco, which is perfectly pure, soluble, easily digested, and delicious. It is rapidly made ready, as boiling water alone is needed for that purpose; and it is cheap to use, because a little goes a long way. Try it and you will certainly add your voice to that of the many who say: "Once used always used!"

ALL WORK EXPEDITIOUSLY EXECUTED. ESTIMATES FURNISHED.

Suggestive at least are the conclusions of the Hon. R. J. Strutt, of Bath. Helium—which Sir William Ramsay has found to be slowly given off by radium—exists in the gases of the city's largest hot mineral spring, and a test of the deposit in the spring has revealed a small proportion of radium. It is believed that these substances are brought up from a large deposit of radium deep in the earth.

By an ingenious arrangement, Ch. Fabry has diminished the sun's light by passage through a slit and then through an ammonical solution of copper sulphate, and has compared it with a light of known candle-power. He concludes that, with the sun at zenith, the solar light at sea level is more than 100,000 times that of a standard candle at a distance of one metre. The intensity of light at the sun's surface is about ten times as great for the same area as that in the electric arc.

Paper car-wheels, made by pressure from straw paper, are usually in a second set of steel tires after the first set is worn out by a run of 300,000 miles.

Brown substance, Von Ziemssen has shown is the best conductor of electricity in the body—about 3,000 times more conducting than muscle. Investigating the action of the currents, S. Leduc concludes that electricity is avoided in the treatment of brain disease on account of an exaggerated notion of the dangers, but that when properly applied, from back to front, the currents are not only useless but beneficial. When a continuous current is passed from ear to ear the effect is different, giddiness being produced, with an apparent whirling round of all objects. Sleep may be produced, and for this the best arrangement is a current of 4 milliamperes at 30 volts, interrupted 100 times per second for nine-tenths of the period of interruption. Speech disappears first, then the motor facilities. Respiration and pulse are unaffected, but may be temporarily or finally stopped by a more powerful current. Awakening is instantaneous, the after-effect being one of refreshment.

The atmosphere near sea-level is found by Prof. Hahn to have this composition: Nitrogen, 78 per cent.; oxygen, 21; argon, 0.9; carbonic acid, 0.03; hydrogen, 0.01; the three other elements, from 0.001 to 0.0001. At six miles, the average temperature being zero F., the gases have these percentages: Nitrogen, 81; oxygen, 18; argon, 0.45; carbonic acid, 0.015; hydrogen, 0.035. At 63 miles, where the air is nearly 3,000 times as light as at sea-level, and the probable temperature is 110 degrees below zero, the proportions are altogether different, being: Nitrogen, 0.1; oxygen, 0; helium, 0.4; hydrogen, 0.9.

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30. DIV, Portuguese gunboat, from Macao.

30. FRITHJOF, Norwegian str., 891. Haraldsen, Tamsui 26th March - OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA.

30. HUNAN, British str., 1,143. W. Frazier, Tientsin via Chefoo and Weihaiwei 1st March, General.

30. MATILDE, German str., 678. C. Ulstrup, Swatow 25th March, General.

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WONGANG, British str., for Shanghai.

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Shippers are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

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LONDON & ANTWERP	MACHAON	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	12th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP, VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MALACCA	Brit. str.	A. F. Street	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 13th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	26th April.
LONDON & ANTWERP	JASON	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	10th May.
MARSEILLES, &c., VIA PORTS OF CALL	ABERDEEN	Fren. str.	Flandin	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	5th April, at 1 P.M.
BREMEN, VIA PORTS OF CALL	TELEMACHUS	Brit. str.		MELCHERS & CO.	13th April, Noon.
ST. NAZARE, HAVRE & HAMBURG	ABESSINIA	Brit. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	2nd April.
HAMBURG	BRISGAVIA	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	2nd April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	SUEVIA	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	12th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	ARTEMISIA	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	25th April.
HAVRE & HAMBURG	MABDUR	Ger. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	3rd May.
STRASBURG	STERN	Brit. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	31st May.
TRISTE, &c., VIA SINGAPORE, &c.	MEDEA	Aus. str.		DODWELL & CO.	20th April, P.M.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	IDIOMEUS	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	14th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	ACHILLES	Brit. str.		STANDARD OIL CO.	About 23rd inst.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	KENNEBEC	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	29th April.
NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL	TRITON	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	20th April.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	SAINTE IRENE	Brit. str.		CANADIAN PACIFIC R. CO.	27th April.
VANCOUVER, VIA SHANGHAI, &c.	ATHENIAN	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LIMITED	4th May.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA NAKA	LYRA	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	18th April.
VICTORIA (B.C.) & TACOMA VIA NAKA	TYSON	Brit. str.		PORTLAND & ASIATIC CO.	14th April.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	NIOMEDIA	Brit. str.		HAMBURG-AMERIKALINIE	8th April.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRIUMPH	Brit. str.		TRITON	7th April, at Noon.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	FRITHEJOF	Jap. str.		OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	To-day, at 10 A.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	M. STEUVE	Jap. str.		OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	7th April, 10 A.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	TRITOS	Jap. str.		OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	6th April, 10 A.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	THALES	Brit. str.		OSAKA SHOSHO KAISHA	To-morrow, 10 A.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	CHIHLI	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO.	7th April, at 4 P.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	RUBI	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	To-day, at 4 P.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	ZAFIRO	Brit. str.		SHEWAN, TOME & CO.	6th April.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	SHAWMUT	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	9th April, 10 A.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	WUCHANG	Brit. str.		DODWELL & CO., LTD.	About 30th April.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	LIGHTNING	Brit. str.		BUTTERFIELD & SWINE	7th April.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY	CAPRICORN	Ital. str.		DAVID SASSON & CO., LTD.	6th April, at 3 P.M.
FOOTBALL, VIA SWATOW & AMOY				CARLOWITZ & CO.	13th April, Noon.

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R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 11th May.

R.M.S. "TARTAR" ... 4,423 Tons ... SATURDAY, 21st May.

R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA" ... 6,000 Tons ... WEDNESDAY, 1st June.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class via St. Lawrence 200 via New York £62.

Intermediate on Steamers, 240. 1st Class Rail, 2nd Class Rail.

"AUSTRALIAN."

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th April, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, 29th March, 1904.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Calling at TIMOR, PORT DAWIN and QUEENSLAND PORTS, and taking through cargo to ADELAIDE, NEW ZEALAND, TASMANIA, &c.

THE Steamship

"AUSTRALIAN."

Captain McArthur, will be despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 8th April, at Noon.

This well-known Steamer is specially fitted for Passengers, and has a Refrigerating Chamber, which ensures the supply of Fresh Provisions, Ice, &c., throughout the voyage.

This Steamer is installed throughout with the Electric Light.

A Stewardess and a duly qualified Surgeon are carried.

N.B. - To assure the additional comfort of passengers the Steamers of the Company have electric fans fitted in staterooms.

For Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 19th March, 1904.

STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK VIA SUEZ CANAL.

(With liberty to call at Philippine Ports)

THE Steamship

"KENNEBEC."

Captain Geo. R. Wallace, will be despatched as above on or about the 28th inst.

OCEAN STEAM SHIP CO., LTD.
AND
**CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO., LTD.**
JOINT SERVICES.

TONIGHTLY SAILINGS for LONDON and CONTINENT.
MONTHLY SAILINGS for LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH SHIPS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA,
AND SUMATRA PORTS.

OUTWARDS.

FROM	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"OOPACK"	On 31st March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"JASON"	On 5th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 10th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ALCINOUS"	On 16th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"HYSON"	On 17th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PROMETHEUS"	On 24th April.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DEUCALION"	On 1st May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 7th May.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 20th May.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MACHAON"	On 12th April.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 14th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 26th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"JASON"	On 10th May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 20th May.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, VIA NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	"HYSON"	On 19th April.
For Freight, apply to	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.	[10-11]

**CHINA NAVIGATION CO.
LIMITED.**

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"WHAMPOA"	On 4th April.
MANILA	"KAIPOONG"	On 6th April.
ILIOLO	"WUCHANG"	On 7th April.
SWATOW and TIENSIN	"CHIHLI"	On 7th April, 4 P.M.
PORTE DARWIN, THURSDAY	"CHINGTU"	On 8th April.
ISLAND, COOPTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE		

The attention of Passengers is directed to the superior accommodation offered by these steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

† Taking Cargo on through bills of lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

† Taking Cargo and Passengers at through rates for all New Zealand Ports and other Australian Ports.

REDUCED SALOON FARES, SINGLE AND RETURN, TO MANILA AND AUSTRALIAN PORTS (See Special Advertisement).

For Freight or Passage, apply to

**BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
AGENTS.**

Hongkong, 24th March, 1904.

**COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES,
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.**

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
COLOMBO, PONDICHERY,
CALCUTTA, BOMBAY, ADEN,
DJIBOUTI, EGYPT,
MARSEILLES, MEDITERRANEAN
AND BLACK SEA PORTS,
LONDON, HAVRE, BORDEAUX;
ALSO
PORTS OF BRAZIL AND RIVER PLATE.

ON TUESDAY, the 5th April, 1904, at 1 P.M., the Company's Steamship "ARMAND BEHIC," Captain Flandin, with Mails, Passengers, Specie and Cargo, will leave this Port for MARSEILLES via Ports of Call, WITHOUT TRANSHIPMENT.

This Steamer connects at COLOMBO with the Australian line s.s. "Oceania," bound for MARSEILLES via BOMBAY and ADEN.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon only on Monday, the 4th April, Specie and Parcels received until 4 P.M. on the same day. No Cargo will be received on board on Tuesday.

Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office. Contents and Value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1904.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

THE British steamship
"YING KING," Captain Ramsey, of 1083 tons, registered, is the newest, fastest, and most luxuriously furnished steamer on the line and is lighted throughout with electricity; hot and cold water service. The cuisine is unequalled.

Leaving Hongkong every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY EVENING, at 9 P.M., and returning from Canton every following evening at 5 P.M.

1st Class ... \$3.00 for Single Journey
2nd ... 1.50
Meals ... 1.00 each.

The steamer's wharf is at the Western end of Wing Lok Street.

YUK ON S.S. CO., LTD.
No. 216, Wing Lok Street.
Hongkong, 27th February, 1904.

FOR CANTON.

THE new and fast Twin-Screw Steamer
"SAN CHEUNG," Captain A. Murphy, will leave for Canton at 8.30 P.M. on SUNDAYS, TUESDAYS and THURSDAYS and return to Hongkong on the following days, leaving Canton at 5 P.M. Excellent accommodation, electric light, and perfect cuisine. Wharf at Hongkong near Harbour Office.

First-class Fares \$3 each way. Second-class, \$1.50 each way. Meals, \$1 each. Cargo Freight very moderate.

CHEUNG ON STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.
No. 147, Connaught Road Central.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1904.

**NOTICES TO CONSIGNEES
FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.**

THE H.A.L. Steamship

"SUEVIA."

Captain von Döhren, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before NOON, To-night, the 24th inst.

Any Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 23rd inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 21st inst., on the 4th prox.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 1st inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 24th March, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENTURRET."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd prox. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Hongkong, 26th March, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

"BENGAL."

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"SHIMOSA."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where each consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings on Cargo—

From London, A.C., ex.s.s. China, Nubia, and Macedonia.

From Australia, ex.s.s. Arundia.

From Calcutta, ex.s.s. Sardina.

From Persian Gulf, ex.s.s. B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 5 P.M., To-day, the 25th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 31st inst., at 4 P.M. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th March, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLENARTNEY."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

All damaged packages must be left in the Godowns, and a certificate of the damage obtained from the Godown Company within ten days after the steamer's arrival, after which no claims will be recognised.

MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Hongkong, 29th March, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE M. & J. ROSS & CO.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"BEN."

having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co. Ltd., where each Consignment will be sorted out mark by mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared by the 5th prox. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1904.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE E. & J. ROSS & CO.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

FROM MIDDLESBRO, LONDON AND
STRAITS.

THE Steamship

"GLEN."

POST OFFICE NOTICES.

GOOD FRIDAY, AND EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, Saturday, and Monday, the 1st, 2nd, and 4th April, the General Post Office will be open for one hour only, i.e., from 8 a.m. till 9 a.m. All outgoing mails will be closed at 9 a.m.

The Money Order office will be entirely closed during the holidays.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via Dalmatia and the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The Doric, with the American mail, left Yoko-hama on Friday, the 25th inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 4th prox.

The Amazon, with the French mail of 4th inst., left Singapore on Monday, the 28th inst., at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Monday, the 4th April. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on 30th January.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

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DATE.

Canton	Hankow	Thursday, 31st, 7.30 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA (Supplementary)	Prinz Heinrich	Thursday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Hoihow, Tsinan and Quinhoue	Maitland	Thursday, 31st, 11.00 A.M.
Macao	Hengshan	Thursday, 31st, 11.15 P.M.
Manila	Rubi	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
Tamsui	Frithjof	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore and Bangkok	Rajahuri	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Siam, and Samarang	Machebo	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Moji, Keelung, Yokohama, Victoria, B.C. & Tacoma	Hinwang	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Singapore, Amoy and Foochow	Trewood	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Namtau	Thales	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Sambue	Tatichan	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hoifu	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Wingkhat	Thursday, 31st, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Honan	Friday, 1st April, 7.30 A.M.
Yap, Seipan, Ruk, Pompei, Kusai, Joluit, Ocean Island, Maura and Sydney	Mezan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Sansen	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Kofo	Balavia	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Hengshan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Kinsan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Namtau	Taichin	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Sambue	Hoifu	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingkhat	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Pouan	Friday, 1st April, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore	Amara	Saturday, 2 Apr., 9.00 A.M.
Namtau	Tatichan	Saturday, 2 Apr., 9.00 A.M.
Sambue	Hoifu	Saturday, 2 Apr., 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Wingkhat	Saturday, 2 Apr., 9.00 A.M.
Canton	Heungshan	Saturday, 2 Apr., 9.00 A.M.

TO-DAY.

Ordinary Annual Meeting of Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd., noon.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

30th March.

ON LONDON	Telegraphic Transfer	19.7
Bank Bills, on demand	1.97	
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.97	
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.97	
Credits at 4 months' sight	1.97	
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight/10	1.97	
ON PARIS	Bank Bills, on demand	324
Credits, at 4 months' sight	229	
ON GERMANY	Bank Bills, on demand	183
Bank Bills, on demand	183	
ON NEW YORK	Bank Bills, on demand	434
Credits, 60 days' sight	444	
ON TONBAY	Telegraphic Transfer	139
Bank, on demand	1334	
ON CALCUTTA	Telegraphic Transfer	133
Bank, on demand	1334	
ON SHANGHAI	Bank, on demand	1334
Bank, at sight	72	
Private, 30 days' sight	72	
ON YOKOHAMA	O. demand	884
ON MANILA	O. demand	Nominal
ON SINGAPORE	O. demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA	O. demand	1073
ON HAFBROG	O. demand	14 p.m.
ON SAIGON	O. demand	1 p.m.
ON BANGKOK	O. demand	62
SOVEREIGNS, Rank & Buying Rate	\$11.05	
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tael	\$8.50	
HAR SILVER, low 02	27.5	
OPTIMUM	30th March.	
Quotations are—Allow're not to lousy.		
Malva New	1.940	to \$380 per picul.
Malva Old	1.000	to \$1040
Malva Old	\$1.060	to \$1060
Malva V. Old	\$1.120	to \$1160
Persian fine	\$880	to —
Persian extra fine	\$900	to —
Patas New	\$13.75	to — per chev.
Banaras New	\$125	—
Banaras Old	—	—

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The Indo-China steamer *Huangfang*, from Calcutta and the Straits, left Singapore for this port on the 24th inst., and may be expected here on the 3rd prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The C. & O. steamer *Doric* left Nagasaki for Manila on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at daylight, due Manila Saturday daylight.The P.M. steamer *Sister* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu & Co., on the 23rd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of India* left Vancouver on the 21st inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

MERCHANT STEAMERS.

The steamer *Shamea* left Singapore for this port via Manila on the 11th inst.The C.P.R. steamer *Armenia* arrived at Yokohama at 1 p.m. on the 27th inst., and left again at 5 a.m. on the 29th inst. for Kobe, where she is due to arrive at noon on the 30th inst.The N.G.I. steamer *Copra* left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.The H.A.L. steamer *Artemisia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 29th inst., p.m., and may be expected here on the 5th inst., at daylight.The Boston Tow Boat Co.'s steamer *Lyra* left Victoria (B.C.) for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 3rd inst.The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pingree* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th inst. for Japan and Hongkong.The C.M. steamer *Cleopatra* left Astoria on the 13th inst., and is due here on the 12th prox.The P.A. steamer *Indiastella* left Portland (Ore.) on the 14th inst., and is due to arrive in Hongkong about 13th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

Mar. 1st—*Caithness*, Pitlochry, Glenartney, 4th*Benavera*, Otago, Hudson, Arter, 10th*Eximia*, Crozat, 8th—*Forrest*, Jason, Jesuit, Sth, *Prinz Heinrich*, 11th—*Achilles*, Arabia, Dernothair, Axon, Wurzburg, Margu's, Borevich, Louis Tra., 15th—*Glenloch*, Armenta, Glenashiel, Kellie, Maria, St. Kilda, Meridian, Standard, 18th—*Alexandria*, Alesta, Kintuck, Breizhul, Voronej, 22nd—*Huron*, Manila, Oldenburg, Dornach, Orange, Miss. Palermo, Thera, 25th—Strasburg, Aragon, Palma, Solvay.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

Mar. 4th—*Glenorchy*, Parthas, Yangtze, 7th—*Georgian*, Glenfarg, 11th*Ernest Simon*, Sachsen, 15th—*Himeria*, Austria, Prinsesse Marie, 18th—*Louther Castle*, Syria, Vindobona, Marie Valerie, 22nd—*Yarra*, Nestor, 25th—*Gera*, Nutria.

ON SALE.

BOUND VOLUMES of the HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS, JULY to DECEMBER 1903, WITH INDEX. Price 75c. On sale at the Hongkong Daily Press Office. Hongkong, 25th March, 1904.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Hongkong, 20th March.

COMPANY	Paid up	Quotations
Hongkong & Shai...	\$125	\$161, buyers L'eton 2.62.
Natl. Bank of China		
A. Shares	29	\$351, buyers
B. Shares	29	\$351, buyers
Four Shares	21	\$31, sellers
Met's Asbestos & Co.	22	\$31, sellers
Canton-Hongkong Ice	\$10	\$40, nominal
Campbell, Moore & Co.	\$10	\$40, sellers
Cotton-Brown Co.	\$10	\$5.10, sellers
Cotton Light & Ind.	\$10	\$5, buyers
Power Co., Ltd.	\$10	\$8.75, sellers
China Prov. L. & M.	\$10	\$11, buyers
China Sugar	100	\$11, buyers
Cigar Companies		
China, Ltd.	10	\$10, buyers
China & Phillips		
China Millers	10	\$10, buyers
Erie	50	\$11, sellers
International	75	\$12, 26.
Leeo Kung Moon	100	\$12, 32.
Macau	500	\$12, 17.
Meches	141	\$141, sellers
Hongkong	100	\$141, sellers
Dairy Farm	25	\$124.
Ernest & Co.	25	\$125.
Green Island Cement	100	\$125.
Hongkong & C. Co.	100	\$125.
Hongkong Electric	100	\$124, buyers
H. H. L. Tramways	100	\$100.
H. L. Steam Water-	10	\$151, sellers
boat Co. Ltd.		
Hongkong Hotel	250	\$135, ex div., buy.
Hongkong Ice	220	\$120, sellers
H. & K. Water & G.	221	\$121, sales & buy.
Hongkong Kope...	250	\$1421, sellers
H. & W. Dock	250	\$100, sellers
Canton	50	\$175, sellers
China Fire	60	\$183, buyers
China Traders	25	\$183, buyers
Hongkong Fire	50	\$182, buyers
North China	45	\$174, 71.
Union	100	\$170, sales & buy.
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	\$145, sellers
Humphreys, E.	100	\$103.
Kowloon Land & B.	220	\$120, sales & buy.
West Point Building	100	\$121, sales & buy.
Shanghai Land	100	\$107.
Luzon Sugar	100	\$10, sellers
Land and Building		
Hongkong Land Inv.	100	\$145, sellers
Humphreys, E.	100	\$103.
Kowloon Land & B.	220	\$120, sales & buy.
West Point Building	100	\$121, sales & buy.
Shanghai Land	100	\$107.
Luzon Sugar	100	\$10, sellers
Land and Building		
Charbonnages	250	\$160.
China & Manila	100	\$163, buyers
Douglas's Steamship	100	\$162, buyers
H. & C. Manila	100	\$163, buyers
Indo-China S. Co.	100	\$162, buyers
Shell Transport & D.	21	\$18.
Do. Preference	210	\$10, nominal
Star Ferry	200	\$103.
S.C.F. Boyd & Co., Ltd.	100	\$103.
S. & H. Dyeing & C.	250	\$50.
Co., Ltd.	100	\$103.
Tebray Planting Co.	25	\$1, sellers
United Asbestos	25	\$1, buyers
Do.</td		